

Division		Laboratory	Research Theme [Faculty Members]	Educational Courses	Entrance Examination Groups
Core Divisions	Urban Environment and Environmental Geography	Environmental Geography	Understanding Diverse Human-Environment Relationships from Geographical Perspectives [Prof. Tomoki Nakaya / Assist. Prof. Ryohei Sekine / Assist. Prof. Masaki Kotsubo]	CES	Env/Geo
		International Study on Disaster Risk Reduction	Review and Propose International Disaster Risk Reduction Policies from Geographical and Practical Perspectives [Prof. Yuichi Ono ^{IRIDeS} / Prof. Kozo Nagami ^{GGI} / Assoc. Prof. Daisuke Sasaki ^{IRIDeS} / Assist. Prof. Yuta Hara ^{IRIDeS}]	CES	Env/Geo
	Solar and Terrestrial Systems and Energy Sciences	Process Engineering for Advanced Resources Utilization	Aiming at Advanced Metal Production Process with Maximum Energy Efficiency & Minimum Environmental Load [Prof. Taichi Murakami / Assist. Prof. Ryota Higashi]	EmP	Materials
		Earth System Monitoring and Instrumentation	Variations of ozone and related trace species in the atmosphere [Assoc. Prof. Isao Murata]	CES	Env/Geo
		Urban and Regional Environmental Systems	Researches on Water Resources and Environments [Prof. Yu-You Li ^{GSE} / Prof. Daisuke Sano ^{GSE} / Prof. Daisuke Komori ^{GGI} / Assoc. Prof. Kengo Kubota / Assist. Prof. Aken Puti Wanguyun]	CES	Env/Geo ※
	Environmentally Benign Systems	Recycling Chemistry	Aimed on the realization of a resources-material recycling society [Prof. Toshiaki Yoshioka / Assoc. Prof. Shogo Kumagai ^{GSE} / Assist. Prof. Phanthong Patchiya]	AEC	Chem/Bio
		Environmental Analytical Chemistry	Development of Chemical Motifs for Environmental and Biomedical Analysis [Prof. Nobuhiko Iki / Assist. Prof. Ryunosuke Karashimada / Assist. Prof. Ryota Sawamura]	AEC	Chem/Bio
		Environmental Bioengineering	Development of Environmental/Biomedical Sensors and Visualization Systems for Material Functions with Micro/Nano Electrodes [Prof. Hitoshi Shiku ^{GSE} / Assoc. Prof. Kosuke Ino ^{GSE}]	AEC	Chem/Bio ※
	Sustainable Recycle Process	Environmental Green Process Study	Advancement of model-based process development for sustainable circular society [Prof. Yasuhiro Fukushima / Prof. Masaru Watanabe ^{GSE} / Assoc. Prof. Hajime Ohno / Assist. Prof. Koki Yagihara / Assist. Prof. Tsai-Wei Wu]	AEC	Chem/Bio
		Mechanics and Design of Composite Materials	Design, development and evaluation of multi-functional composite materials [Prof. Fumio Narita / Assoc. Prof. Hiroki Kurita / Assist. Prof. Zhenjin Wang]	EmP	Materials
	Ecomaterial Design and Process Engineering	Environmentally-Benign Molecular Design and Synthesis	Innovative experimental and theoretical technologies on chemical engineering for creating sustainable society [Assoc. Prof. Masaki Ota ^{GSE}]	AEC	Chem/Bio ※
		Environmental Materials Surface Science	Atomic-level design of novel catalyst materials for eco-friendly society [Assoc. Prof. Naoto Todoroki]	EmP	Materials ※
Cooperative Divisions	Earth and Environmental Systems Design	Energy Conversion Chemistry	Research on innovative materials for advanced batteries with high performance and low environmental impact [Prof. Itaru Honma / Assoc. Prof. Saneyuki Ohno / Assoc. Prof. Kazuyuki Iwase / Assist. Prof. Moriyuki Kanno]	AEC	Chem/Bio ※
		Polymer Hybrid Nanomaterials	Reveals the core of hierarchical structural dynamics of hybrid nanomaterials using synchrotron X-ray analysis [Prof. Maiko Nishibori / Lecturer Sachiko Ohyama / Assist. Prof. Kakeru Ninomiya]	AEC	Chem/Bio
	Society of Northeast Asia	Study on Multicultural Society	We provide students with knowledge and skills required for specialists in Social Anthropology and Northeast Asian Studies [Assoc. Prof. Toshihiro Ueno / Assoc. Prof. Yongchao Cheng]	CES	Human/Social
		Cultural Ecology Conservation	We explore the sustainable future of human-nature relations through the anthropological fieldwork reflecting the cultural diversities in human history [Prof. Hiroki Takakura]	CES	Human/Social
		Japanese History	Studies of the history of Edo period from analyzing original historical documents that remaining in the local communities of Japan [Assoc. Prof. Daisuke Sato]	CES	Human/Social
		Environmental Governance & Transformation	Examining global environmental governance and its transformation from traditional social science, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary perspectives [Assoc. Prof. Atsushi Ishii]	CES	Human/Social
	Culture of Northeast Asia	Ethnic Culture and Environment	What will become of the Russian language spoken by Russians outside of Russia? [Assoc. Prof. Kenji Yanagida]	CES	Human/Social ※
		Cultural Evolution	Quantitative analysis of cultural phenomena in human history, with the development of theories, methods, and academic infrastructure supporting such research [Assoc. Prof. Kohei Tamura]	CES	Human/Social
		Memory and Social Dynamics	This course studies memory, history, and society in East Asia in relation to mutual influences, by field research and historiographical methods. [Assoc. Prof. Yumi Ishii]	CES	Human/Social
		Environmental Anthropology	Mixed methods research on human-environmental interactions in societies for resilience amid climate change and increasing disasters [Prof. Alyne Elizabeth Delaney]	CES	Human/Social
		Disaster and Society Studies	We study disasters and crises through a socio-cultural lens, promoting interdisciplinary, practice-based education, research, and community inclusion. [Assoc. Prof. Sébastien P. Boret]	CES	Human/Social
	Physical Chemistry for Environmental Materials	Chemistry for Environmental Inorganic Materials	Development of advanced optical functional and environmentally sensitive materials by soft chemistry process [Prof. Shu Yin / Assoc. Prof. Takuya Hasegawa / Assist. Prof. Ayahisa Okawa]	AEC	Chem/Bio
		Hybrid Nanosystem	Development of Hybrid Materials based on Multidisciplinary Precise Synthesis Across Organic, Inorganic, and Bio towards Sustainable Society [Prof. Kiyoshi Kanie / Lecturer Masaki Matsubara / Assoc. Prof. Megumi Suyama]	AEC	Chem/Bio
		Hybrid Carbon Nanomaterials	Synthesis of hybrid nanocarbons using controlled nanospace as a reaction field and their application to advanced fields [Prof. Hirotomo Nishihara]	AEC	Chem/Bio ※
	Environmental System and Materials	Hydrogen Functional System Materials	Hydride Research for Innovative Energy Applications [Prof. Shin-ichi Orimo / Assoc. Prof. Toyoto Sato / Assist. Prof. Yusuke Ohashi]	EmP	Materials
	Endowed Division	Innovative Analytical Pyrolysis Frontier Laboratories Ltd.	Development of analytical methods and instruments for polymer characterization by Pyrolysis-GC/MS [Prof. Toshiaki Yoshioka / Assoc. Prof. Atsushi Watanabe (Frontier Laboratories Ltd.) / Assoc. Prof. Shogo Kumagai / Assist. Prof. Siqingaowa Borjigin]	AEC	Chem/Bio ※
	Collaborative Divisions	Process Engineering for Environmentally Adapted Materials	Development of new steelmaking technology contributing to the energy and resources sustainable society [Prof. Masaru Matsumura / Prof. Tomohiko Omura / Prof. Shinya Nariki]	EmP	Materials ※
		Global Environment	Observation of Global Atmospheric Environment and Carbon Cycle Changes [Prof. Shinichirou Nakaoka / Prof. Hisashi Yashiro]	CES	Env/Geo

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Core Divisions	Resources Strategies	Geo-environmental Measurement and Analysis	Measurement, observation and equipment development for understanding of various geosphere information [Assist. Prof. Nobuo Hirano]	-	-
		Design of Environment-Friendly Materials	Design of materials harmonizing with environment and life [Prof. Masanobu Kamitakahara / Assist. Prof. Masaki Umetsu]	-	Energy
		Geoenvironmental Remediation	The Development of Environmental Friendly Biotechnologies for Pollution Remediation and Resource Recovery [Assoc. Prof. Mei-Fang Chien / Assist. Prof. Ning Han]	-	Energy ※
		Geomaterial and Energy	Geo-environmental systems driven by fluid-rock reactions [Prof. Atsushi Okamoto / Assist. Prof. Otgonbayar Dandar]	-	Energy
			Development of subsurface measurement technologies for energy utilization on environmental issue [Prof. Hirokazu Moriya ^{GSE}]		
		Earth Exploitation Environmental Studies	Development of next generation earthwork and quarry systems powered by intelligent heavy equipment [Assist. Prof. Tomoaki Satomi]	-	Energy ※
		Resource Circulation and Environmental Applications	Efficiently cycling resources and CO ₂ for a cleaner environment [Prof. Atsushi Iizuka / Assist. Prof. Hsing-Jung Ho]	-	Energy
		Environmental Harmony System Science	New way of advanced utilization of geo-environment and energy/resource development [Prof. Kiyotoshi Sakaguchi]	-	Energy
		Frontier Science for Environmental Functional Materials	Development of Functional Non-Metal Light Element Materials for a Sustainable Society [Prof. Yoshinori Sato]	-	Energy
	Energy Resources	Distributed Energy System	Toward the development of sustainable energy system [Prof. Tatsuya Kawada / Prof. Keiji Yashiro ^{Toyama Univ.} / Assoc. Prof. Kazuhisa Sato ^{GSE} / Assist. Prof. Mina Yamaguchi]	-	Energy ※
		Resources and Energy Security	The Deepening of Geo-Environmental Science and Sustainable Resource and Energy Development [Prof. Noriaki Watanabe / Assist. Prof. Jiajie Wang / Assist. Prof. Eko Pramudyo / Assist. Prof. Luis José Salalá Santos]	-	Energy
		Designing of Nano-Ecomaterials	Development of functional nano-ecomaterials for energy and environment in the environmentally benign systems [Prof. Hideyuki Takahashi / Assoc. Prof. Shun Yokoyama / Assist. Prof. Koji Yokoyama]	-	Energy
		International Energy Resources	Interdisciplinary study on energy and resources including natural and social sciences for sufficient and sustainable society [Prof. Noriyoshi Tsuchiya / Assoc. Prof. Hiromi Kubota / Assist. Prof. Kazumasa Sueyoshi / Assist. Prof. Bayarbold Manzshir]	-	Energy ※
	Environmental Policies	Environmental Urban Energy	To realize carbon neutrality, we conduct research on socio-techno-economic transition and facilitate urban decarbonization process [Assoc. Prof. Takuro Kobashi / Assist. Prof. Tuo Zhang]	-	Human/Social
		Environmental and Energy Economics	Integrated analysis of material flows and economic activities contributing sustainable resource management [Prof. Kazuyo Matsubae / Assist. Prof. Zhengyang Zhang / Assist. Prof. Oscar Tiku]	-	Human/Social
		Industrial Ecology	Understanding the environmental impacts of global supply chain and consumption [Assoc. Prof. Keiichiro Kanemoto / Assist. Prof. Yuya Katafuchi / Assist. Prof. Nguyen Tien Hoang / Research Assoc. Megumi Hoshi]	-	Human/Social
Cooperative Divisions	Advanced Policies for Environment	Powder Processing for Functional Materials	Earth-friendly Environmental Powder Technology [Prof. Junya Kano / Assist. Prof. Kizuku Kushimoto]	-	Energy
		Extraction of Crustal Energy	Application of extreme environments in the earth's crust and unconventional energy resources for sustainable human life [Prof. Takatoshi Ito / Assoc. Prof. Anna Suzuki / Assoc. Prof. Yusuke Mukuhira]	-	Energy ※
		Metallurgy and Recycling System for Metal Resources Circulation	For Achievement of Sustainable Society [Prof. Etsuro Shibata / Assist. Prof. Ken Adachi]	-	Energy
		Energy and Environmental Materials Creation	Development of new energy materials and environmentally-conscious materials for opening up our future [Prof. Takahisa Omata / Lecturer Issei Suzuki / Assist. Prof. Tomoyuki Yamasaki]	-	Energy
	High-Temperature Physical Chemistry of Materials	Bring innovation to materials processing [Prof. Hiroyuki Fukuyama / Assoc. Prof. Makoto Ohtsuka / Assoc. Prof. Masahito Uchikoshi / Lecturer Masayoshi Adachi]	IMRAM	-	Energy
Endowed Divisions	Control of Environmental Materials DOWA Holdings Co.,Ltd.	Environmental Policy and Impact Assessment	Assessment of the social and environmental impacts of resource use for better management of anthropogenic stocks and flows [Prof. Kazuyo Matsubae / Prof. Tomoki Nakaya / Prof. Minoru Tobita / Assoc. Prof. Masahito Yoshimura]	-	※
		Environmental Process Science	Development of material synthesis and recycling processes necessary for resource circulation [Prof. Hideyuki Takahashi / Prof. Tomohito Kameda / Prof. Balachandran Jayadevan / Assoc. Prof. Mei-Fang Chien / Assoc. Prof. Masahito Yoshimura]	-	Energy ※
	Course for Environmental harmony design of hard materials	Environmental Policy Implementation Studies	Development and social implementation of sustainable technologies for resource circulation and treatment of waste [Prof. Toshiaki Yoshioka / Prof. Yuko Saito]	-	Human/Social ※
			Development of designing(simulation) study for maximum properties and environmental harmony in cemented carbide and other hard materials [Prof. Masaru Kawakami / Prof. Masanobu Kamitakahara / Prof. Tatsuya Kawada / Prof. Atsushi Okamoto / Prof. Noriaki Watanabe / Assist. Prof. Sota Terasaka]	-	Energy ※
Collaborative Division	Environmental Risk Assessment	Environmental Risk Assessment	Studies for utilization of safe and secure geothermal energy [Prof. Yasuhide Sakamoto / Prof. Kyosuke Okamoto]	-	Energy ※
		Innovation for Regional Environment	Academic foundation for creative innovation in the local environment by promoting the development of carbon-neutral technologies [Prof. Noriyoshi Tsuchiya / Prof. Takayuki Saito / Prof. Tetsuo Honma / Assoc. Prof. Hirotada Arai / Assoc. Prof. Suntae Lee]	-	※

Those who wish to apply for the laboratories with the sign ※, please contact the Academic Affairs Section in advance.

[Educational Courses]
CES : Cultural Environmental Studies EmP : Eco-materials and Processing AEC : Applied Environmental Chemistry
[Entrance Examination Groups]
Human/Social : Human and Social Science Group Env/Geo : Environment and Geography Group Chem/Bio : Chemistry and Bioengineering Group Materials : Materials Group Energy : Environmental & Energy Group
[Institution]
AIMR : Advanced Institute for Materials Research CNEAS : Center for Northeast Asian Studies FRRI : Fracture and Reliability Research Institute GGI : Green Goals Initiative GSE : Graduate School of Engineering
IFS : Institute of Fluid Science IMR : Institute for Materials Research IMRAM : Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials IRIDeS : International Research Institute of Disaster Science
SRIS : International Center for Synchrotron Radiation Innovation Smart



TOHOKU UNIVERSITY
Graduate School of
Environmental Studies





It goes without saying that it is extremely difficult to find a solution to the complex intertwined environmental problems of the world. Different boundary conditions lead to different solutions, taking into account resource, energy, institutional, economic, and social/cultural aspects.

A step to open up the future

Now, many countries and regions in the world have committed to achieve carbon neutral operation by 2050. However, the path to reach this goal is still in a fog. Finding the route will be tasked to the present teenagers and those in their twenties. My desire is that the young people who are, or will be, studying in GSES will acquire skills in the specialized fields and play important roles in the community, society, and in the world. Furthermore, I hope they will obtain the ability to grasp the issues from a bird's-eye view to select a better future for themselves and for others.

GSES started with a single department of Environmental Studies, which was reorganized into the two departments of Environmental Studies for Advanced Society and Frontier Sciences for Advanced Environment in 2015, and has provided unique educational curriculums. Many international programs, as well as training programs, have been offered to achieve our educational goal. I hope the students will actively utilize these chances to deepen their studies.

There is never just one "step toward the future" that can be obtained from a variety of research menus. Let's move forward together toward the future, figuring out how to connect various steps and how to open up new opportunities.

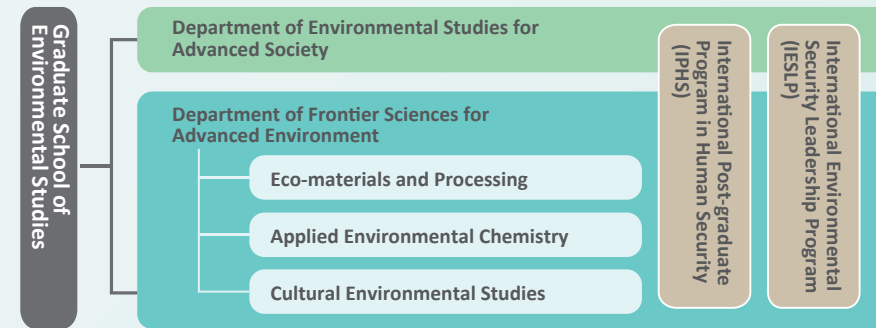
Professor **Toshiaki Yoshioka**
Dean, Graduate School of Environmental Studies,
Tohoku University



Message from the Dean

About GSES

The Graduate School of Environmental Studies offers 2 schools; the Department of Environmental Studies for Advanced Society and the Department of Frontier Sciences for Advanced Environment, the Department of Frontier Sciences for Advanced Environment consists of three educational courses.



The Graduate School of Environmental Studies is intended to create a social system that can become bases of a cultural and recycle-based society which supports sustainable development by integrating the "knowledge" of Tohoku University as a comprehensive university. The purpose of our education is to train people to acquire high-level knowledge and skills and to become individuals who can tackle myriad challenges on a global scale.

Department of Environmental Studies for Advanced Society

This department aims at an education to nurture human resources with an ability to create solutions to the environmental problems that threatens human society. The department welcomes students who have a strong interest in the environmental aspects of civilization and thinking, who have a good understanding of the realities of social sciences and policy, who would like to obtain a solid basic knowledge on various technologies, and who can meet the challenge of integrating these towards creating innovative solutions. Moreover, we are looking for students who would like to cultivate an ability to provide a direction for society from a global perspective.

Department of Frontier Sciences for Advanced Environment

This department aims at an education to nurture human resources with an ability to manage advanced environmental technologies from an international bird's-eye perspective of the environmental problems that threaten human society. The department welcomes students who would like to study and acquire environmental expertise in fields such as geo-system and energy science, environmental chemistry and ecoengineering, and eco-material design and process engineering. Students should have a strong motivation to explore outside of their own field from the broad perspective of environmental sciences, and study together with international students from other Asian countries. We expect students to wish to lead in their advanced research on the environment by integrating their deep specialisms with an international perspective and broad background knowledge.

► Eco-materials and Processing

This course teaches and researches the fields of resources, materials and energy which are critical to sustainable human society. Specifically, treatment of raw materials used for safeguarding the global environment, material processing, recycle technology, low-energy and developing new materials capable of reducing the environmental burden. Together with acquiring the detailed knowledge of the special characteristics of these technologies, you can deepen your basic knowledge of humanities and social science.

► Applied Environmental Chemistry

This course aims at reducing the environmental load in industries that are supplied materials and resources taken from the environment, and also energy-intensive industries such as those manufacturing chemical products and other materials. Students acquire an advanced knowledge to pioneer new environmental-friendly processes. In addition, you can deepen your basic knowledge of environment assessment and economic valuation.

► Cultural Environmental Studies

In addition to the technical objectives mentioned in the above two courses, it is also necessary for a sustainable human society to solve cultural challenges related to the social system. Together with acquiring knowledge of sciences, you can study research fields that directly connect society, such as social history, social anthropology, environmental law, environmental policy, environmental economics, and technology management.

International Environmental Security Leadership Program (IESLP)

The International Environmental Security Leadership Program (IESLP) is a graduate educational program established within the Graduate School of Environmental Studies with the support of the Japanese Government Scholarship for International Students. This program, launched in response to the growing number of cases of infectious diseases, aims to develop leaders who can solve environmental security issues such as social environment, living environment, and infectious diseases, with ASEAN countries as the focus countries.

In addition to classes in the regular graduate education curriculum, students will receive a number of advanced education courses necessary for developing international environmental security leaders, enabling them to acquire a broad range of background knowledge, including advanced, practical skills with an international perspective. All classes are conducted in English, with some cultural and lifestyle discussions conducted in both English and Japanese, and IESLP faculty members conduct advanced courses and seminars that are deeply relevant to international environmental security leaders. Students enroll in courses and majors.

<https://www.kankyo.tohoku.ac.jp/ielp/>

Voice



Wethangkaboworn Panupong

Environmental Process Science (Kameda Lab.)
Enrolled in 2023
Thailand

My decision to pursue graduate studies at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies (GSES), Tohoku University was motivated by the school's extensive range of research topics addressing various environmental issues of global concern. GSES's core strength lies in its interdisciplinary approach aiming to address critical environmental issues, which aligns with my commitment to making a positive difference. Leading to my current research, I am focusing on the environmental process science to improve the adsorption process on heavy metals and hazardous substances from wastewater to enhance the existing wastewater treatment processes and contribute from laboratory experimentation to practical industrial applications, ultimately paving the way for a more sustainable future for all.

Joining GSES at Tohoku University offers an exceptional opportunity to contribute to global environmental change. Outstanding academic instructors and research facilities will empower you to pursue your academic goals and become a future leader in the environmental aspect.



Katayoun Dedeh Amirfard

Urban and Regional Environmental Systems (Sano Lab.)
Enrolled in 2023
Iran

I delightfully chose GSES of Tohoku University to major in Environmental Studies as a Ph.D. student due to its multidisciplinary community, state-of-the-art research facilities, and helpful faculties.

In my research project, I am looking for possible ways to mitigate environmental problems related to the development of antibiotic resistance genes (ARGs), by analyzing the frequency of ARGs occurrence in water environments. GSES provides well-run laboratories and expert professors to facilitate my future academic endeavors.

Besides this, participating in the International Environmental Security Program (IESLP) seminars and gatherings enhanced my contribution to real-world applications, uncovered practical solutions, and made it possible to get more familiar with active industrial sectors in these fields.

If you want to seize extracurricular activities and fascinating research projects, GSES is the best place for you. Without any hesitation, ask active students and faculties for their guidance. Your experience at GSES will surely change your future perspectives.

International Post-graduate Program in Human Security (IPHS)

The International Post-graduate Program in Human Security is an interdisciplinary international education program centered around the concept of Human Security. It integrates the fields of health, food and agriculture, environment, and disaster risk reduction (DRR). From 2005, the program was jointly offered by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies at Tohoku University in collaboration with the Graduate Schools of Medicine, Agricultural Science, and International Cultural Studies (until 2018). The program offered interdisciplinary lectures through cooperation among three primary graduate schools and two affiliated schools—the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies and the Graduate School of Engineering.

Starting in April 2025, in addition to the existing "Human Security and Environment" course, a new "Human Security and DRR" course will be launched. The Environment course aims to develop professionals who can contribute to sustainable development by addressing environmental risks and climate change. The newly established DRR course focuses on disaster risk assessment, urban resilience, and optimizing pre-disaster investments. It is designed to support the career development of practitioners, including those from middle-income countries.

<https://www.kankyo.tohoku.ac.jp/en/intlprograms.html>

Location

North- East of Japan

Size of the City (as of 1st October 2024)
Area: 786.35 km²
Population: 1,096,168
Population Density: 1,394 inhab./km²

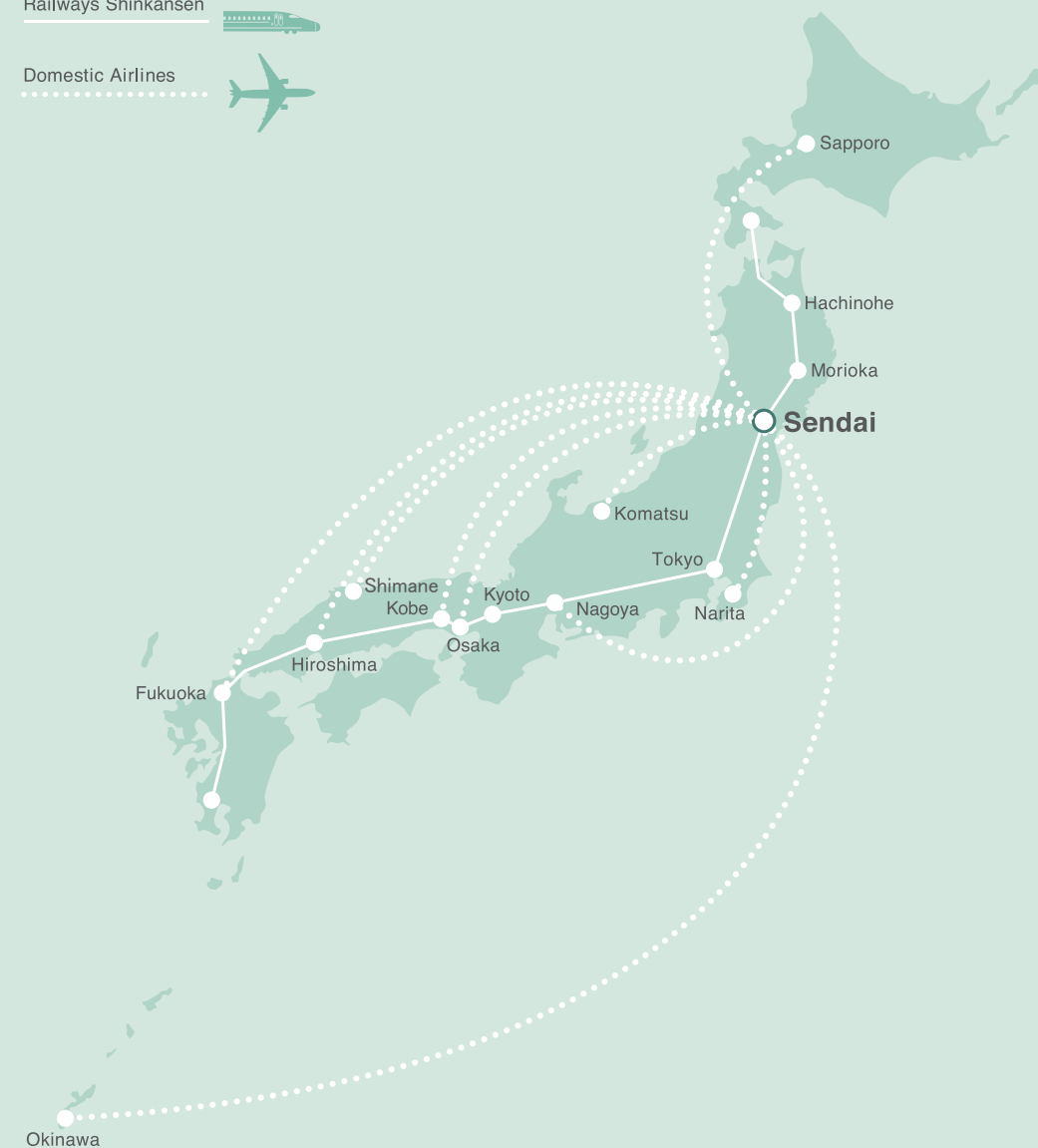
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Voice



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